

*Caesalpinia sepiaria* (Caesalpinaceae), 47351. From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky, Jardin d'Acclimatation. A large, climbing, prickly bush in the Himalayas, and extending to Ava and Ceylon; it ascends to 4,000 feet in altitude. Lac is gathered on the tree in Baroda. The bark is much used for tanning and the young pods contain an essential oil; in Chumba the bruised leaves are applied to burns. It makes an impenetrable hedge. (Adapted from Watt's Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 2, p. 12.)

*Cucurbita pepo* (Cucurbitaceae), 47378. Squash. From Shanghai, China. Seeds presented by Mr. F. J. White, president, The Shanghai Baptist College and Theological Seminary. "This squash is a greenish bronze in color, round, and ribbed; the flesh is remarkably thick and of very good quality. There is hardly any cavity at all inside the squash." (White.)

*Dioscorea* sp. (Dioscoreaceae), 47398. Yam. From St. Lucia, B. W. I. Tubers presented by Mr. Samuel Rosen, New York. "A white-fleshed yam of medium size. It is quite moist when cooked, but makes an excellent dish when mashed and beaten thoroughly." (Young.)

*Echium wildpretii* (Boraginaceae), 47356. From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky Jardin d'Acclimatation. "This plant made its debut at Kew in 1899. It was raised there from seed sent in by Mr. Wildpret, curator of the Botanic Gardens, Orotava, Teneriffe. They were two years old when they flowered in May, and since then by sowing seeds annually, plants have been on show at Kew every spring. Even before the flower spikes develop, the plants are attractive; their leaves, covered with silky hairs, after the manner of the Silver Tree, form a handsome rosette 18 inches high and through. The flower spike adds another two feet to this height, and when the purplish pink flowers are all open, the plant is singularly handsome. I know no other like it. Certainly among the many plants grown at Kew for the conservatory, there is not one that attracts and pleases more than this *Echium*. The altitude at which it grows wild at Teneriffe has not been recorded, but it is probably some distance above sea level, and, therefore, the plant ought to be a good one for open-air gardening, if protected from the frosts." (W. Watson, Gardeners' Chronicle, Oct. 26, 1912, p. 317.)